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INFO FOR PAOS

1. HIGHLIGHTS. TUESDAY PAPERS FEATURED KISSINGER IN
MOROCCO; INSIDE HAD 89 NOBEL LAUREATES FILE PROTEST WITH
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PODGORNY RE DISSIDENTS; ALSO CONGRESS ENACTS 21 BILLION
WEAPONS BILL; PENTAGON UNALARMED BY SOVIET MARINES IN
MEDITERRANEAN.

1A. WEDNESDAY PAPERS FEATURED KISSINGER IN CAIRO; SOME FRONTPAGE COMMON MARKET COUNTRIES, IN OIL PINCH, CALL FOR PULLBACK IN MIDEAST.

1B. THURSDAY PAPERS FRONTPAGE CONGRESS OVER-RIDES VETO, ENACTS WAR CURBS; PRESIDENT PROPOSES ENERGY CONTROLS; SOME FRONTPAGE EGYPT US RESUME RELATIONS. INSIDE NYTIMES BALTSUN REPORT LARGE NEW RUSSIAN MISSILE, TIMES HAVING

PHOTO OF MISSILE IN PARADE, WASHPOST HAVING PHOTO OF 10-TON TANK THAT CAN BE AIRLIFTED, HEADLINES SOVIETS RESUME ARMS AIRLIFTS TO EGYPT. SOME ALSO REPORT US SAYS NATO QUARREL SOOTHED. RECENT COMMENT SCATTERED.

2. RUSSIAN ICBM. BALTSUN PARKS REPORTS UNVEILING OF NEW 60-FOOT ROCKET, APPARENTLY AN ICBM, IN RED SQUARE PARADE, THIS MOVE BEING INTERPRETED IN MOCSOW AS A MILD WARNING TO US THAT SOVIET UNION HAD NOT RELAXED ITS MILITARY PREPAREDNESS DESPITE THE RAPPROCHEMENT WITH WEST, GRECHKO SAYING: WE HAVE NO RIGHT TO FORGET THAT REACTIONARY IMPERIALIST FORCES EXIST IN WORLD AND THEY ARE ACTIVE, BUILDING UP THE ARMS RACE, AND NOT STOPPING SHORT OF USING FORCE AGAINST PEOPLE UPHOLDING THEIR FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE. PARKS SAYS WESTERN MILITARY OBSERVERS SAID THEY WEREN'T SURE ABOUT THE SPECIFIC USE THE NEW MISSILE IS DESIGNED FOR, HOW MANY STAGES IT HAS, OR WHAT FUEL IT USES, BUT TASS HINTED THAT THE NEW THREE-STAGE MISSILES HAVE HIGHLY EFFECTIVE FUELS.

2A. NYTIMES WREN REPORTS SOVIETS DISPLAYED WHAT WESTERN MILITARY SPECIALISTS BELIEVE TO BE A NEW ICBM, THE FIRST MAJOR NEW MILITARY HARDWARE TO BE SHOWN OFF IN PARADE SINCE 1967, OBSERVERS ADDING NEW MISSILE DIDN'T APPEAR TO VIOLATE 1972 INTERIM AGREEMENT ON OFFENSIVES. LATER BREZHNEV COMMENTED THAT THE MOST ADVANCED MILITARY EQUIPMENT HAD BEEN DISPLAYED, SAYS WREN, AND TASS SAID THE ICBMS ON DISPLAY WERE OF UNIQUE POWER AND ACCURACY, THUS SUPPORTING THE SPECULATION OF ONE WESTERN MILITARY UNCLASSIFIED

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SPECIALIST THAT MISSILE MAY HAVE IMPROVED GUIDANCE SYSTEM. BUT DESPITE THE WEAPONRY, SAYS WREN, PARADE'S THEME STRESSED ACCOMMODATION WITH WEST, AS DID GRECHKO'S SPEECH.

3. NATO. NYTIMES REUTERS THE HAGUE REPORTS SCHLESINGER AND EUROPEAN COUNTERPARTS CONCLUDED MEETING AND BOTH SIDES WERE REPORTED REASSURED THAT ALLIANCE SOLIDARITY WAS ON THE MEND, THIS NUCLEAR PLANNING GROUP MEETING HAVING BEEN DOMINATED BY A NEED FOR THE AMERICANS AND EUROPEANS TO WORK OUT THEIR DIFFERENCES ON MIDEAST POLICY AND THE ADEQUACY OF US CONSULTATION. PENTAGON SPOKESMAN FRIEDHEIM SAID AT HAGUE SCHLESINGER NOW FELT THAT PROBLEM HAD BEEN WORKED OUT.

3A. WASHPOST BRIEF STRESSES AMERICAN SPOKESMAN SAID SCHLESINGER AND EUROPEAN COUNTERPARTS HAVE REACHED A BETTER UNDERSTANDING ON THE DISPUTES DIVIDING THE ALLIANCE. STORY SAYS NATO SOURCES SAID THE PROBLEMS--WHETHER EUROPE MUST SUPPORT US POLICY IN MIDEAST AND WHETHER WASHINGTON MUST INFORM NATO IN ADVANCE ABOUT MILITARY ALERTS--STILL REMAIN BUT THE MEETING TOOK MUCH OF THE EMOTION AND ANGER OUT OF THE DISPUTE.

4. COMMENT. WEDNESDAY WASHSTAR EDITORIAL NOTED COMMART JAPANESE STATEMENTS CALLING FOR ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM ARAB TERRITORIES, SAID WESTERN FRIENDSHIPS ARE POTENTIAL VICTIMS OF ARAB OIL STRATEGY, BUT DON'T FORGET THIS STRATEGY IS FAR FROM ACHIEVING ITS MAIN AIM OF FORCING A SETTLEMENT FAVORABLE TO THE ARAB CAUSE. SETTLEMENT STILL MUST ACCORD WITH PRINCIPLES OF JUSTICE AND PRACTICALITY WHICH WILL PREVAIL WHETHER OR NOT WEST IS FORCED TO UNDERGO A SERIOUS ENERGY CRISIS.

4A. WEDNESDAY BALTSUN EDITORIAL SEES ATLANTIC ALLIANCE RIVEN AS NEVER BEFORE, AND IT WILL BE KISSINGER'S DUTY TO IMPRESS UPON SAUDI ARABIA THAT ITS OIL POLICY IS PERILOUS AND FAISAL MUST CONSIDER HIS OWN INTERESTS, WITH SOVIET NAVAL SQUADRONS CRUISING THE ARABIAN SEA, AND ALSO THE INTERESTS OF SUCH CLOSE NEIGHBORS AS IRAN AND PAKISTAN WHERE FEARS OF SOVIET EXPANSION HAVE LONG WEIGHED HEAVILY.

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4B. TUESDAY NYTIMES HAD OP-ED PIECE BY LEONARD SILK OF TIMES EDITORIAL BOARD ON OIL WEAPON STRESSING FOLLY OF PERMITTING ARABS AND SOVIETS TO USE SALAMI TACTICS SLICING ONE ALLY AFTER ANOTHER, CALLING SACRIFICE OF INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES AS APPEASING AS IN CASES OF SUDETENLAND OR DANZING. SILK SAYS WESTERN POWERS AND JAPAN MUST BEGIN TO WORK TOGETHER TO DEVELOP A COMMON STRATEGY ON OIL IMPORTS, ENERGY CONSERVATION AND SHARING OF OIL SUPPLIES, THUS WORKING TOGETHER FOR THEIR COLLECTIVE SECURITY AND WELL-BEING.

4C. PROVIDENCE JOURNAL NOVEMBER 1 SAID IF EUROPEANS WERE TOO CYNICAL IN THEIR CAVALIER DISMISSAL OF KISSINGER'S NEW ATLANTIC CHARTER SUGGESTION, US WAS TOO CRUDE IN IGNORING EUROPEAN ALLIES WHEN IT INVOKED ITS MILITARY ALERT. A DECENT REGARD FOR FEELINGS OF ALLIES WOULD HAVE PROMPTED SWIFT NOTIFICATION AND EXPLANATION OF US ACTION, INSTEAD OF TREATMENT REMINISCENT OF THAT GIVEN JAPAN WHEN US WAS NEGOTIATING WITH COMMUNIST CHINA.

4D. SCRIPPS-HOWARD EDITORIAL OCTOBER 28 WAS ENTITLED, NATO SELFISHNESS, STRESSING THAT OUR ALLIES,

NOW RICH AND COMFORTABLE, ARE UNWILLING TO RUN ANY RISK TO ASSIST US POLICY, AS EVIDENCED IN VIETNAM DAYS AND NOW IN MIDEAST. EDITORIAL CONCLUDES: OBVIOUSLY THE EUROPEANS MUST BE TOLD, AND STATE DEPARTMENT HAS STARTED THE SHOCK TREATMENT, THAT IF AN ALLIANCE IS TO LAST AND HAVE REAL VALUE, IT CANNOT BE A ONE-WAY STREET. EUROPEANS SEE NATO AS A US OBLIGATION TO DEFEND THEM AGAINST RUSSIA (AND NOT

TO ASK FOR TOO MUCH HELP IN PAYING THE COST).

5. TROOP CUTS. CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR NOVEMBER 2 STRESSED TROOP CUTTING WILL TAKE LONG TIME, POSSIBLY SEVERAL YEARS, BUT VIENNA TALKS HAVE GOT OFF TO BUSINESSLIKE START AFTER LONG PREPARATORY SESSIONS. BIG DIFFERENCES BETWEEN SIDES REMAIN: WHETHER CUTS WILL BE BALANCED, WHETHER BEGIN WITH TWO SUPERPOWERS' TROOPS OR ACROSS THE BOARD, WHETHER CONCENTRATE ON CONVENTIONAL ARMS OR INCLUDE NUKES. WEST EUROPEANS NOW FEAR THAT THE RIFT WITH AMERICA OVER MIDEAST MAY INCREASE US PRESSURE
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FOR UNILATERAL REDUCTION UNDERCUTTING VIENNA TALKS. MONITOR SAYS ANY UNILATERAL ACTION WOULD BE UNFORTUNATE AT THIS TIME.

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